

166 [THE SOUL OF MAN.] *Noses*  
*TEIPSUM! plp*

So when the root and fountain of Mankind ;  
Did draw corruption, and GOD's curse  
by sin 2 This was a charge that all his  
heirs did bind;  
And all his offspring grew corrupt  
therein !

And as when th' hand doth strike, the  
man offends, (For part from whole,  
Law severs not in this !) So ADAM'S  
sin to the whole Kind extends,  
For all their natures are but part of  
his!

Therefore, this sin, of Kind,, not  
personal; But real, and hereditary  
was : The guilt whereof, and  
punishment to all, By Course of  
Nature, and of Law doth pass.

For as that easy law was given to all!  
To ancestor and heir! to first  
and last! So was the first  
transgression general ;  
And All did pluck the fuit<sup>f</sup> and All did  
taste !

Of this, we find some footsteps in our Law,  
Which doth her root from GOD and  
Nature take. Ten thousand men she  
doth together draw, And of them all,  
one Corporation make !

Yet these and their successors are but  
One ; And if they gain or lose their  
liberties; They harm or profit not  
themselves alone, But such, as in  
succeeding time, shall rise!

And so the ancestor and all his heirs,  
(Though they in number pass the stars  
of heaven) Are still but One ! His  
forfeitures are theirs! And unto them,  
are his advancements given!

His civil acts to bind and bar them all!  
And as from ADAM, all corruption take;  
So if the father's crime be capital;  
In all the blood, Law doth *corruption*  
make!